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Letter dated 14 December 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), which was established by the Security Council pursuant to resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007 and whose mandate was recently extended by resolution 2063 (2012) of 31 July 2012.

Following the usual consultations, Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, President of the African Union Commission, and I would like to inform you of our intention to appoint Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas (Ghana) as the Joint Special Representative for Darfur and Joint Chief Mediator ad interim. Mr. Chambas succeeds Mr. Ibrahim Gambari (Nigeria), who served as Joint Special Representative for Darfur from 1 January 2010 to 31 July 2012 and as Joint Mediator ad interim from July 2011 until the end of his mission. I wish to take this opportunity to reiterate my deep appreciation to Mr. Gambari for the dedication with which he carried out his mandate in UNAMID.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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